Resolution No. 2023-04 of the Board of County Commissioners

Of LaPorte County, Indiana reinstating 2021 policy on Remote Meetings

WHEREAS, the Indiana legislature adopted procedures effective April 20, 2021 permitting remote meetings in various circumstances and this body adopted a resolution 2021-7 recommended by Accelerating Indiana Municipalities (AIM) that permitted members of governing bodies to attend at least two consecutive meetings via zoom with at least one in person meeting required before a zoom meeting could be utilized, and there was not a limit on such zoom participation during the course of a calendar year, and

WHEREAS, this body at the beginning of this year believed it advisable to make more restrictive the use of zoom attendance but was not able to survey other jurisdictions before adopting Resolution 2023-01 which restricted members to attending only one meeting per year via zoom, and

WHEREAS, having now surveyed other jurisdictions around the state and determined that most other jurisdictions adopted the AIM sample resolution permitting two consecutive zoom meeting attendances by members so long as the next meeting was attended in person, and

WHEREAS, this board believes that the 2021 policy more accurately reflects the occasional need for public officials to attend via zoom and to consider such participation as full and legal participation in the affairs of the governing body,

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA THAT

Resolution No. 2023-01 is declared null and void.

 Resolution No. 2021-7 is hereby revived and declared the official policy of LaPorte County government and applies to all other boards and commissions of LaPorte County government and shall remain the standing policy.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED THIS <u>3</u> DAY of MAY, 2023

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** 

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Attest: